

Working Draft: Brief Summary of Funding Sources for Air District Smoke Management Programs

Air Districts can obtain funding to cover the costs of their Smoke Management Program through various means. Some of these funding mechanisms are: fees, subvention funds, grants, penalties, per capita assessments, County General Fund and County budget line item. Some districts have also developed Memoranda of Understanding with land management agencies, or have developed agreements with public industry to receive meteorological and public notice services in lieu of fees. Some air districts subsidize their Smoke Management Programs using funds from their annual operating budget, while others seek complete or partial recovery of Program costs through fees. The following chart gives general information about fees assessed to recover costs, in whole or in part. Variations in fees reflect both district geography and district budgets. Other sources are also noted.

| District Name: | Fees for Agricultural Burning (crop waste) | Rule | Amount | Fees for Prescribed Burning | Rule | Amount | Comments |
|------------------------|--|------------|---|-----------------------------|------------|---|---|
| Amador County | No | - | - | No | - | - | Will develop in future |
| Antelope Valley | No? | | | No? | | | Confirm no fees with district |
| Bay Area | No | - | - | No | - | - | Pursuing fee rule development |
| Butte County | Yes | 507 | \$.50 - \$.85/ acre | Yes | 507 | \$.50/acre | |
| Calaveras County | No? | | | No? | | | Confirm no fees with district |
| Colusa County | Yes | 4.11 | \$.50-\$.85/ acre plus \$5 Basin Surcharge | No | - | - | |
| El Dorado County | No? | | | No? | | | Confirm no fees with district |
| Feather River | Yes | 7.8 | \$.25-\$.50/ acre | Yes | 7.8 | \$.25/acre | |
| Glenn County | Yes | Article II | \$10-\$250 per total acreage plus \$5 Basin Surcharge | Yes | Article II | \$10-\$250 per total acreage plus \$5 Basin Surcharge | Amending fee schedule to increase fees and add large acreage categories |
| Great Basin Unified | No | - | - | No | - | - | |
| Imperial County | Yes | 306 | \$1.35/acre | Yes | 306 | \$1.35/acre | |
| Kern County | No | - | - | No | - | - | |
| Lake County | No | - | - | No | - | - | No fees now |
| Lassen County | No | - | - | No | - | - | Investigating fees for possible future adoption |
| Mariposa County | No? | | | No? | | | Confirm no fees with district; CDF heard \$25/project |
| Mendocino County | No? | | | No? | | | Confirm no fees with district |
| Modoc County | No | - | - | No | - | - | Not now, but maybe, if warranted by noxious weed management |
| Mojave Desert | No? | | | No? | | | Confirm no fees with district |
| Monterey Bay Unified | No | - | - | No | - | - | Investigating fees |
| North Coast Unified | No? | | | No? | | | Confirm no fees with district |
| Northern Sierra | Yes | 603 | \$30 permit fee plus \$.50/acre | Yes | 603 | \$30 permit fee plus \$.50-1.00/acre | Increase proposed for Board review in November 2001 |
| Northern Sonoma County | Yes | | \$1.00-\$2.00/ acre | Yes | | \$80-\$280 flat fee | 11 Public Workshops prior to recent amendments |
| Placer County | Yes | 607 | \$.50/acre | Yes | 607 | \$.50-\$1.00/ acre | |
| Sacramento Metro | Yes | 303 | \$1.75/acre | Yes | 303 | \$1.75/acre | |
| San Diego County | No | - | - | No | - | - | |
| San Joaquin Valley | Yes | 3040 | \$22-\$62 flat fee | Yes | 3160 | \$5.00/acre | 15,000 permittees variety of materials |
| San Luis Obispo County | No | - | - | No | - | - | |
| Santa Barbara County | No | - | - | No | - | - | Will develop fee rules |
| Shasta County | See comments | 2.11 | \$30 flat fee | See comments | 2.11 | \$30 flat fee | \$10,000 from General Fund for program support in lieu of fees; fees might be assessed only if more \$\$\$ needed for program |
| Siskiyou County | No | - | - | No | - | - | Proposing new fee schedule |
| South Coast | No | - | - | No | - | - | Investigating fees |
| Tehama County | Yes | 2.11 | \$25 flat fee plus \$.05-\$1.50/acre | Yes | 2.11 | \$25 flat fee plus \$.50-\$1.50 /acre | Amending schedule to per acre fee; also CDF heard \$30 flat fee plus \$.50/acre |
| Tuolumne County | No | - | - | No | - | - | Investigating fees |
| Ventura County | No | - | - | No | - | - | Developing fee rule with separate structure for ag and prescribed burns |
| Yolo-Solano | Yes | 4.2 | \$30 flat fee plus \$.05-\$1.50/ acre | Yes | 4.2 | \$30 flat fee plus \$1.00/acre | |